

**DECLARATION IN COPENDING APPLICATION  
CONTAINING ADDITIONAL SUBJECT MATTER**

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*As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201-203, of the invention entitled:*

DRY-LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW SYNTHETIC FIBERS

which is described and claimed in : the attached specification or  
the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_;

*that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed pending application,*

*Serial No. 10/345,001, filed January 15, 2003; Serial No. 09/896,799, filed June 29, 2001;*

*I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:*

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

*I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specifications, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;  
that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a);  
that as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application;  
that the common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application; and  
as to applications for patents or inventor's certificate on the common subject matter filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to said earlier application by me or my legal representatives or assigns,*

no such applications have been filed, or

such applications have been filed as follows:

**FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID EARLIER APPLICATION**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 YES _ NO _
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**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID EARLIER APPLICATION**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** *As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s), with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)*

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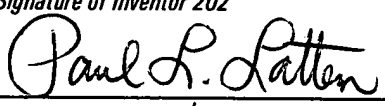
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Signature of Inventor 201	Signature of Inventor 202 	Signature of Inventor 203
Date	Date 11/18/03	Date

## AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL LATTEN

Paul Latten, being duly sworn, and having personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby deposes and says that:

1. I am an employee of Arteva, the former employer of the co-inventor Mabrouk Ouerdemi of the invention disclosed and claimed in the U.S. Patent Application 09/896,799 filed on June 29, 2001, and entitled "DRY-LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW SYNTHETIC FIBERS," the Continuation-in-Part Application 10/345,001 filed January 15, 2003, and the presently filed Continuation-in-Part Application (hereinafter referred to as the "patent application").
2. Arteva North America S.à.r.l. is a corporation organized and existing under the <sup>laws</sup> ~~laws~~ of the Country of Luxembourg established at Talstrasse 80, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland, having an office at 5401 Charlotte Park Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.
3. Efforts involving employees of Arteva resulted in the invention disclosed and claimed in the patent application. After the present invention was completed, a patent application was prepared on behalf of Arteva.
4. The patent application and Declaration and Power of Attorney documents were submitted to each inventor for review and signature. Both the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents for originally filed application were signed by all co-inventors. The CiP application filed on January 15, 2003 was also signed by all of the co-inventors.
5. On August 2, 2003, Mabrouk Ouedemi terminated his employment with Arteva, Inc., and relocated to his native country of Tunisia,

leaving no forwarding address or correspondence at which he could be reached. His present whereabouts are unknown. There is no reasonable method to reach Mabrouk Ouederni that would likely result in contact with the inventor.

6. Mr. Ouederni has acknowledged his inventorship of the present invention in the previously filed patent applications filed on behalf of Arteva, Inc. from which the current CIP application claims priority.

7. Since Mr. Ouederni has acknowledged his inventorship in the previous patent applications from which the current CIP claims priority, but he cannot be reasonably located to join in the patent application, it has been necessary to file this application with the signature of only one inventor in order to protect Arteva's legitimate rights in the United States and in foreign countries and to prevent irreparable damage to Arteva.

This the 18 day of November 2003.

Paul Latten  
Paul Latten

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 18 day of November, 2003.

Sandra C. Blackwelder  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Oct. 12, 2005

